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In re Application of)
Dr. Jörg Rheims, et al.) Group:
Serial No.: 09/863,594)
Filed: May 23, 2001) Examiner:
Title: A PROCESS AND A FLUFFER DEVICE)
FOR TREATMENT OF A FIBER STOCK)
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Sir:

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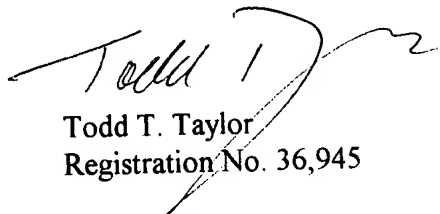
German Document No. DE 40 25 616 C2 relates to a process for disintegrating, specifically defibrillating, and for bleaching of fiber materials by means of introduction of carrier gas and reaction gas, specifically ozone into a size reduction unit in the embodiment of a Fluffer, whereby the gas – the carrier gas and the reaction gas are intensively mixed with the fibers in the size reduction device, characterized in that after leaving the size reduction unit, the gas that is mixed with the fibers is directed to a reaction device, where the gas is separated from the fiber material that is now reduced in size and bleached, cooled and subsequently recycled into a closed loop in the Fluffer.

A copy of each of the documents is enclosed.

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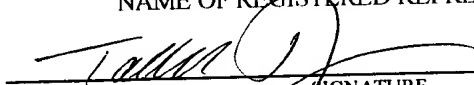
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